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SUBJECT: RECIPROCITY FOR OFFICIAL AND DIPLOMATIC VISAS

REF: 76 PRAGUE 2506

1. CZECHOSLOVAK MFA FINALLY RESPONDED ON JUNE 17 TO OUR
PROPOSAL OF LAST SEPTEMBER FOR 7-DAY RECIPROCAL VISA
ISSUANCE TO OUR DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS (REFTEL).
DR. MIROSLAV VANEK, CHIEF OF MFA'S CONSULAR DEPARTMENT,
GAVE CONOFF GOC'S DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR SUCH AN
AGREEMENT, SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM TEXT OF OUR PROPOSED
NOTE. ONLY DIFFERENCE OF ANY REAL SUBSTANCE IS THAT
CZ. PROPOSAL CALLS FOR ISSUANCE WITHIN SEVEN WORKING
DAYS OF VISAS TO US DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS ASSIGNED
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TO US EMBASSY PRAGUE. ISSUANCE TO OTHER
CATEGORIES OF OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS WOULD BE
IN SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS, AS WE PROPOSED. FULL
ENGLISH TEXT OF CZ. DRAFT FOLLOWS BELOW. WE
PROPOSE TO ACCEPT CZ. DRAFT, IF DEPARTMENT
AGREES, CHANGING OUR OWN TO RECIPROCATATE TIMING
OF SEVEN WORKING DAYS. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD

ALSO BE ADVISABLE TO SUGGEST THAT NOTES CALL FOR EXPEDITED VISA ISSUANCE TO OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS OF EACH COUNTRY ASSIGNED TO THEIR "CONSULAR OR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS" IN THE OPPOSITE COUNTRY, TO COVER PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO ANY CONSULATES WHICH MIGHT BE OPENED IN THE FUTURE, RATHER THAN LIMITING AGREEMENT TO SPECIFIED MISSIONS EXISTING AT THIS TIME.

2. TEXT OF CZECHOSLOVAK DRAFT NOTE:

.....HAS THE HONOR TO ADVISE THAT IT AGREES WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL TO FACILITATE THE VISA PRACTICE, ON A BASIS OF RECIPROCITY AND WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF.....
AS STATED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1976. WHEN ISSUING, ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, VISAS TO HOLDERS OF UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS, THE CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE WILL PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) HOLDERS OF UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS BEING ASSIGNED PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY TO THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN PRAGUE AND IMMEDIATE MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, I.E. THEIR CHILDREN AND PARENTS, CAN EXPECT THAT THE APPLICATION
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FOR A CZECHOSLOVAK VISA WILL NORMALLY BE PROCESSED IN SEVEN WORKING DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SUBMISSION.

(B) IN URGENT CASES IN THE ABOVE CATEGORIES, AS WELL AS IN CASES OF UNITED STATES OFFICIALS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO WISH ONLY TO TRANSIT THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, VISA APPLICATIONS WILL BE DECIDED IN LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS. IF NEEDS REQUIRE, ISSUANCE CAN EVEN BE MADE IMMEDIATELY, PROVIDED INFORMATION IS GIVEN, TOGETHER WITH THE VISA APPLICATION, AS TO THE DATE AND PLACE OF ENTRY IN AND EXIT FROM THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND MEANS OF TRANSPORT USED.

(C) THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL ENDEAVOUR TO DECIDE VISA APPLICATIONS OF HOLDERS OF UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS, WHO ARE NOT IN THE ABOVE CATEGORIES, IN SEVEN CALENDAR DAYS OR SOONER. (COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING)

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S OPINION ON
ACCEPTABILITY OF CZECHOSLOVAK DRAFT.
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